

**CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL**

**California Estuary Monitoring  
Workgroup Meeting Notes**

**Wednesday, November 8 – 9:00 AM to noon**

Delta Conservancy Conference Room  
1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento CA 95691



**Attendees (and on the phone):**

Shakoora Azimi-Gaylon

Sonia Miller

Maggie Christman

(Amye Osti)

(Amy Duwan)

(Brendan Pomerie)

Stephanie Fong

Shaun Philippart

Jack Gouge

Rachel Pisor

Catherine Johnston

(Samsor Safi)

Kristopher Jones

(Karly Wagner)

Sarah Lesmeister

Item	1	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>Introduction and Announcements</b>	10 min
Purpose:	1) Introductions and announcements 2) Review notes from last CEMW meeting 3) Review agenda for today	
Attachment:	<a href="#">Notes</a> from the previous meeting were approved	

Item	2	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>Liaison Reports and Subcommittee Updates</b>	50 min
Purpose:	This agenda item is for the routine update on key activities or decisions made by the Monitoring Council and its other workgroups, the CEMW subcommittees, and any other efforts relevant to the CEMW. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitoring Council and its Workgroups: Kris Jones (15 min)</li> <li>2. CEMW Subcommittees (35 minutes)                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Portal Development (Kris Jones)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Water Quality and Quantity (Shakoora Azimi-Gayon)</li> <li>c. Living Resources (Kris Jones)</li> <li>d. Strategic Planning (Kris Jones)</li> </ul> <p>3. Other data sharing efforts (Russ Ryan and Stephan McCord)</p>
<p>Contact Person:</p>	<p>Kris Jones, <a href="mailto:Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov">Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov</a></p>
<p>Notes:</p>	<p>1 – Monitoring Council – next meeting is 11/28. The meeting will be focused on strategic planning discussions, identify key representatives that the counsel could benefit. 34 North will be sharing the Estuary Portal. The Wetland Monitoring Workgroup is looking for a sustainable funding source for their tools, such as EcoAtlas.</p> <p>2.a. - Portal Development – formed to move the portal efforts forward, working with 34North, providing content, and commenting on look, feel, and connectivity of the portal.</p> <p>2.b. – Water Q&amp;Q – working to get TMDL content updated by State Board, review old content and determining what descriptive content could be moved to or updated for the new portal. Would like to provide a link to TMDL updates, but this is currently under development.</p> <p>2.c. – Living Resources – subcommittee has not met, but members have been looking at the old content to determine what should be moved to the new portal.</p> <p>2.d. – Strategic Planning – determine goal and purpose, and identify key stakeholder’s. Determined that clearly defining the CEMW’s Scope was the most important first step, developing workgroup factsheets to convey key information to stakeholders and potential partners.</p> <p>3. – A new version Bay Delta Live will be released in December, which will include a lot of fisheries updates. RMP data visualization tools to be added to the Sacramento River Watershed (SRW) portal. SRW portal working in Battle Creek to conduct EPA watershed assessment with Water Board and working with Sierra Nevada Conservancy, USFS, USFWS, CAFWL for landscape level assessments for forest restoration with impacts on water quality.</p> <p>Kris Jones will has received a promotion, and is looking for volunteers for leadership opportunities within the CEMW, including subcommittees and other workgroup duties. If anyone is interested in any leadership opportunities in any subcommittees, please contact Kris Jones.</p>
<p>Action Items:</p>	<p>Portal Development Subcommittee - Kris Jones to follow up with Catherine and Kevin O’Connor on getting text content to Amye Osti by Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Amye Osti to send Kris Jones contact information for Holly Jorgensen’s for the Sacramento River Watershed Portal – Reach out to Holly Jorgensen to see if she can present at a meeting</p> <p>Invite Lori Webber from the State Board or Holly Jorgensen to give presentation on SRW and tapping into other stakeholders (e.g. forestry) for watershed health to the</p>

	CEMW workgroup Get TMDL involved with portal water quality meeting
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<b>Item</b>	<b>3</b>	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>Collaborative Opportunities for the CEMW</b>	20 min
Purpose:	Kris Jones will provide an update on the proposed partnership with the Interagency Ecological Program, and discuss potential options for collaborative opportunities for the CEMW moving forward.	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones, <a href="mailto:Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov">Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov</a>	
Notes:	<p>At the September 13 CEMW meeting, Vanessa Tobias from the IEP Data Utilization Workgroup (DUWG) talked about using the data readiness assessment approach to be more strategic in the council’s outreach. Kris Jones updated the CEMW on these efforts, and indicated the he would be presenting at the January, IEP Science Management Team (SMT) meeting to seek approval and feedback for working with IEP and SMT toward these goals.</p> <p>Kris Jones also discussed the relationship with other efforts such as Bay Delta Live – how do we want to work with them and collaborate with them moving forward? Clear explanation of each portal’s role and data sets is needed. It was mentioned that the Estuaries Portal’s strength is that it provides context and is curated. The group agreed that it needs to clearly articulate (e.g., on the portals and outreach material) the scope of the Workgroup, including what different areas are covered, as well as different data types, and clarify the relative roles of the different efforts.</p>	
Action Items:	<p>Develop a mock up for the relationship between Bay Delta Live and the estuary portal and work with Russ Ryan on coordination</p> <p>Add agenda item: IAMIT for EcoStore for collaborative opportunities on a future meeting</p>	

<b>Item</b>	<b>4</b>	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>Estuary Portal Enhancements</b>	60 min
Purpose:	34 North will demonstrate the recent updates to the Estuary Portal, in preparation for the Monitoring Council meeting demonstration on November 28.	
Contact Person:	Amye Osti, <a href="mailto:amy@34north.com">amy@34north.com</a>	
Notes:	The goal was to modernize the look and feel, to make it easier to navigate and find things, and to consolidate the data and information into less pages.	
Action Item	<p>Amye Osti to send Sam and Tim the presentation</p> <p>Kris Jones to touch base with Amye Osti to refine what is needed on the what are estuaries pages</p> <p>At a future portal development subcommittee, develop a review approach to bring</p>	

	back to subcommittee  Kris Jones to send out Portal Development Subcommittee meeting for December
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<b>Item</b>	<b>5</b>	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>CEMW Leadership Positions and Chair Election</b>	30 min
Purpose:	Kris Jones requested that individuals interested in the CEMW Chair position send him details on their background and interest in the position to share in advance of the workgroup meeting (by COB 10/31/17). Kris will facilitate the voting for CEMW Chair position, and lead a discussion regarding other leadership opportunities and identify potential leads.	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones, <a href="mailto:Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov">Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov</a>	
Action Items:	Sarah Lesmeister was elected to the CEMW Chair Position, and will begin to take over chair duties with the assistance of Kris Jones.	

<b>Item</b>	<b>6</b>	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>Meeting Wrap-Up</b>	10 min
Purpose:	Identify meeting date and location. Proposed 2018 Meeting Dates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 14</li> <li>• May 9</li> <li>• August 8</li> <li>• November 14</li> </ul> Plan the next CEMW meeting agenda. Proposed meeting topics include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Liaison Reports and Subcommittee Updates</li> <li>2) Estuary Portal Content Review</li> <li>3) CEMW Outreach Strategy</li> <li>4) IEP Data Readiness Assessments</li> </ol>	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones, <a href="mailto:Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov">Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov</a>	
Notes:	Meetings will be held on the above dates. The meetings will be held at DWR at 3500 Industrial Blvd.	

Approved: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018